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DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to the amendment filed 23 May 2005, in which claims 1 and 2 were amended and claims 3 and 6 were cancelled.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 4 is objected to because it depends from a cancelled claim.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 are allowed over the prior art.
4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The allowable subject matter is the one way valve mounted in an outlet of the inflator and communicating with one of the air bags, thereby inhibiting a back flow of gas from the air bag, in combination with the inflator communicating with a pair of air bags accommodated in folded states in a side of a seat, wherein internal pressures in the pair of deployed air bags are different from one another in response to occupant restraint loads.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Al-Amin et al. disclose an air bag device for a vehicle comprising three air bags accommodated in folded states in a seat of an occupant, an inflator

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communicating with the air bags to expand them by a gas from the inflator, and valves to control gas flow into the air bags.

6. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Objection to claim 4.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

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